

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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v.) Case No. 1:09-CR-181-01
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HARRY A. PRITCHETT A/K/A “OSAMA”) Chief Judge Curtis L. Collier

Before the Court is Defendant Harry A. Pritchett’s (“Defendant”) *pro se* motion for a new trial (Court File No. 1434). Defendant seeks a new trial pursuant to Rule 33(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Court cannot proceed to the merits of Defendant’s motion, however, for two main reasons. First, Defendant is currently represented by counsel. Although Defendant states he is “waiv[ing]” his right to counsel for purposes of this motion only, a criminal defendant cannot both proceed *pro se* and have counsel. *See* E.D. Tenn. L.R. 83.4(c). Once a defendant has counsel, that counsel speaks for the defendant in all proceedings, absent some unusual circumstance, which Defendant has failed to show here. Second, this Court lacks jurisdiction to consider Defendant’s motion for a new trial under Rule 33(b)(1) because Defendant’s case is presently being appealed.¹ Rule 33(b)(1) explicitly states “[i]f an appeal is pending, the court may not grant a motion for a new trial until the appellate court remands the case.” Fed. R. Crim. P. 33(b)(1).

Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Defendant's *pro se* motion for a new trial (Court File No. 1434).

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SO ORDERED.

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/s/
CURTIS L. COLLIER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE